(*b*) whether there are graduates as Inspectors and Time-keepers whose services are not pensionable ;

(*c*) whether there are clerks with non-pensionable service while there are others with pensionable service ; and

(*d*) whether any provision is made to set apart amounts from yearly profits so that these employees when they retire may get a consolidated sum in the shape of Provident Fund or Insurance amount ?

Mr. E. G. Salter : (*a*) Pensionable 141 ; Non pensionable 898.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No. But the department is contributing to a Provident Fund at the rate of 5% of the pay of each employee.

Revision of scales of pay to drivers and conductors.

77. *** Mr. T. M Chidambarathanu Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any proposal for the revision of scales of pay to drivers and conductors ; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the pay and allowances due to the subordinates in the department are not disbursed regularly and promptly ?

Mr. E. G. Salter : (*a*) A revision of scales of pay of drivers is under consideration.

(*b*) No.

Wholesale ration dealers in the Parur taluk.

78. *** Mr. Paul A. Thaliath :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of wholesale ration dealers in the Parur taluk ;

(*b*) the number of retail ration dealers in that taluk ;

(*c*) whether there are any ration shops either retail or wholesale which have not been inspected by the Taluk Rationing Officer during the last three months ; and

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, the number of such shops ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Food Supplies*) :

(*a*) Nil.

(*b*) 225.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) 39

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